

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION
No. 162.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on

the 1st day of April, 1901, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOOKHART,
Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 16th March, 1901. [161c

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 1st day of April, 1901, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

Rural Building No.	No. of Sals. Reg. No.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.			
Darken Road			350	250	100	100	13,000	56	2,800

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
THE FOLLOWING

LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES
situate in
SEYMOUR ROAD, VICTORIA HONGKONG,
and in

MARKET STREET
and
BULKELEY STREET, HUNGHOM.
IN 2 LOTS

MONDAY, the 1st day of APRIL, 1901,
at 3.30 P.M., at his Auction Rooms,
DUNDRELL STREET.

LOT 1:—All that piece of ground registered at the Land Office as Section C of Inland Lot No. 585 with the 3 storied dwelling house containing 4 rooms known as No. 2.

containing 6 rooms known as No. 5 Seymour Road with stone and iron verandahs and commanding a good view of the Harbour. This property is held from the Crown

for the residue of a term of 999 years subject to a mortgage for \$8,000 at \$8 per cent. per annum.

LOT 2.—All those pieces of ground respectively

registered at the Land Office as Section A of Hunghom Inland Lot No. 211 and Section A of Hunghom Inland Lot No. 212 held from the Crown for the respective

residues of the terms of 75 years subject to a mortgage for \$5,000. at 57 per cent. per annum. The Houses erected on this property are Nos. 140 Market Street and 84

Bulkeley Street 3 storeys high newly built with stone and iron verandahs and shops below near the Market and Kowloon Docks.

For further Particulars, apply to:—
C. EWENS,
Solicitor for Vendor,

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1901. [359c]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
FROM and after This Date I, hitherto known as **SORABIEE RUSTOMIEE**

will use my family Name of BISNEY, and be known as SORAB BISNEY. S. BISNEY.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1901.

NOTICE.
THE HAMBURG AMERIKA LINIE.

1. HAMBURG, will establish their own
OFFICE at HONGKONG, Queen's Building,
on the 1st of APRIL.
The Undersigned have been appointed

LOCAL MANAGERS.
HAMBURG AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office,
K. O. L. D. O. R. R.

W. von JANSON, } Managers.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1901. [331c

To be Let.

TO LET.

**WOODLANDS WEST," No. 9, SEV.
MOUR ROAD.
Apply to**

"S.B."
 C/o This Office.
 Hongkong, 13th March, 1901. [322c

A HOUSE in **RIFON TERRACE.**

Apply to
**THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST.
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.**

Hongkong, 13th March, 1951. 209c

TO LET
POSSESSION APRIL 1ST.

STEWART TERRACE.
Apply to I. W. NOBLE

Hongkong, 6th March, 1901. [322]
TO LET.

**RICHMOND TERRACE, Nos. 2 and 5,
Possession on 1st APRIL; No. 6,
mediate Possession.
Apply to**

LAU CHU PAK,
Care of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1961. 11759

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Doors Open 8.30. Commence 9 P.M.

BERTRAM HERMANN,

Business Manager.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1901. [288c]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 163.THE following Particulars and Conditions of
Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction,
to be held at the Office of the Public Works
Department, onMONDAY,
the 1st day of April, 1901, at 3 P.M., at
the public office for general information.By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 15th March, 1901. [378c]Particulars and Conditions of the letting by
Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the
1st day of April, 1901, at 3 P.M., at the
Office of the Public Works Department, by
Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two
Lots of CROWN LAND, at Mong Kok Tsui,
Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a
term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at
CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor
of His Majesty the KING, for one further term
of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

Lot	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1	Mong Kok Tsui.	47.5 47.5 305 35	14,437	166	11,500
2	Do.	47.5 47.5 305 100	9,035	104	7,250

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on TUESDAY, the 2nd April, P.M.For Information as to Passage and Freight,
apply toSANDER, WIELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1901. [319c]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"SOBRANO,"
FROM LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ,
BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
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and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
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From Australia, &c., ex S.S. Arcadia.
From Persian Gulf, &c., ex S.S. Assyria and
Kilwa.Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
2 P.M., TO-DAY.Goods not cleared by the 4th April, at
Kowloon, will be subject to rent.The Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case.All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage ob-
tained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the Vessel's arrival here, after which
no Claims will be recognised.H. A. RICHIE,
Superintendent.Today's
Advertisements.HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
LONG RANGE CUP & SPOONS.THERE will be a COMPETITION for the
above TO-MORROW, the 30th instant,
at 2.45 P.M.ALEX. MACKENZIE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1901. [45]

TO LET.

N. O. KNUTSFORD TERRACE—

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 29th March, 1901. [379c]

Intimations.

EYE-SIGHT.

Mr. N. LAZARUS,
Oculist-Optician, of London and Calcutta,
may be consulted for SPECTACLES
at 16, Queen's Road Central,
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1901.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE OPERATIONS
IN BRITISH SOUTH
AFRICA.

LONDON, March 27th.

General French has arrived at Vryheid.
His force up to the present has killed, wound-
ed and captured 1,250 Boers and taken 7
guns, 1850 waggons and 226,000 horses and
cattle.

LATER.

THE STRIKE AT MARSEILLES.
The situation at Marseilles is becoming
more grave. The employers of Dock labour
have refused arbitration.BRITISH SOUTH
AFRICA.The British losses in General Babington's
action with Delarey were only two killed and
seven wounded. The Boers left twenty-two

WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says—

On the 29th at 11.40 a.m. the barometer has
risen on the China coast, particularly in the
North. The depression is probably crossing
Japan, and pressure is high over N. China.
Strong monsoon on the coast, and increasing
monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea. Fore-
cast:—N.E. winds, freshening to strong breezes;
dull, some rain.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. Isis arrived at Shanghai last Saturday
with General Gaslee on board.A SHARP earthquake shock was reported at
Kobe on the evening of the 20th inst.It is stated that the Chinese troops in the
native city, Shanghai, have been hunting down
the secret society Fu Yu Piao, which is now
said to be broken up.A SHANGHAI paper says that the news is con-
firmed, that Japan is assembling a fleet of forty
warships in the Gulf of Pechili, in case Russia
persists in her demands on China.THE U.S. collier Saturn arrived in port to-
day with the shipwrecked crew of the s.s. Tan-
Anco. She proceeded to Prains Shoal and
succeeded in taking off the whole of the crew,
forty-three in number.THE Band of the Royal Welch Fusiliers will
play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow (Sat-
urday) evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.—PROGRAMME.
1.—March "He ever Ready" Moir.
2.—Selection "The French Maid" Slaughter.
3.—"Valse" "Water Mod' In" Delors.
4.—Selection "Chienail" Sullivan.
5.—"Valse" "La Sengail" Reeder.
6.—"Valse" "Gusa you please" Fohbach.
Extra.
7.—Gracful Dance "Irene" Vandervell.
8.—"God save the King."THE sunken dredger Canton River was suc-
cessfully righted yesterday afternoon, the
hauling process occupying about a couple of
hours. It now remains for another attempt to
be made to raise her, which we hope will prove
more successful than the last. Capt. Jellicoe
and the officers and men of the Centurion are
to be congratulated on the success which has
so far attended their efforts. It is not often
that one sees half-a-mile of tackle rigged and
manipulated so skillfully as was the case yester-
day. A large number of people witnessed the
turning operations from the Praya, the Hong-
kong Club and Murray Pier.AT the ratapayers meeting at Shanghai on the
23rd inst., the Chairman, in the course of his
speech referred to the correspondence between
the Municipal Council and the Consular
Body concerning the lottery question, and
said:—The Consular Body have pledged
themselves to assist the Council in putting
down the sale of lottery tickets by foreigners
in the settlement. The recom-
mendation which the Council has to make is
that from the 1st April licences for lotteries be
refused and that every possible means be taken
to enforce observance of the regulation which
prohibits the sale of tickets belonging to un-
licensed lotteries. The alternative as set forth
in my letter to the Senior Consul of the 19th
inst. is that licenses be granted, but under such
conditions as to make the sale of tickets un-
remunerative.CAPTAIN George Graham, who for 18 years
was in the employ of the China Merchants
Co. and the last few years in command of the
tug Foo Lee, was drowned on Saturday, about
11.30 p.m., says the New Press of the 25th inst.
Having come on board his vessel at the China
Merchants' S. N. Co's wharf, and going below
to his cabin, he had occasion to come on deck
again, when it is supposed he accidentally fell
over the side of the vessel. The captain of
another vessel lying at the wharf, hearing a
splash, immediately summoned assistance and
finally succeeded in getting the unfortunate
man out of the water and in to his bed, but
before medical assistance arrived he was dead.
The deceased was very well-known in shipping
circles, and great sympathy is felt for the wife
and three children he leaves in England.AN interesting ceremony took place at the Cen-
tral Police Station to-day at noon. As many
as possible of the Hongkong Police Force
assembled in the billiard room to make a pre-
sentation to Inspector Duncan, who leaves to-
morrow on leave by the English mail steamer
Plassy. Inspector Duncan left Glasgow in 1878
after serving two years in that City's Police
Force and has served with the Hongkong
Police for nearly 23 years. Chief Inspector
MacKie presided and made a short speech.He said Mr. Duncan had been asked there to
accept their presentation as a token of the
esteem of all present. His many acts of
kindness were well-known and it was
useless for him to enlarge on them.
He had served 23 years and through that time
he had followed his duties in an honest, con-
scientious, and trustworthy manner. From his
personal experience he knew that it had been
his every endeavour to give satisfaction to those
sitting in authority over him and justice to
those under him. On behalf of the European
members of the force he presented him with the
clock, together with a set of silver napkin rings.
For Mrs. Duncan. They had his best wishes
for an enjoyable holiday, and if from any cause
he did not return here, best wishes were ex-
tended for a long life to enjoy his well-earned
pension. Inspector Duncan, briefly returned
thanks. He was sorry to leave Hongkong for
many things. He was very pleased to know that
his friends respected him so much as to make
so handsome a presentation. It would be his
greatest treasure and he only regretted that he
was not more deserving of it. On behalf of
Mrs. Duncan he thanked them heartily for their
kindness, and if he could give any advice to
any present he would wish, that they
had such a wife. The clock was a splen-
did massive black marble timepiece and bore
the inscription:—"To Inspector Thomas Dun-
can from the European members of the Hong-
kong Police Force, at a mark of esteem, 29th
March 1901."THE manager of the Joint Telegraph Com-
panies has issued the following notice—
COMMUNICATION WITH TAKU.TELEGRAPHIC communication between Chefoo
and Taku is interrupted. Steamers leave
Chefoo almost daily for Taku.A VARIETY entertainment is to be given at
the Kowloon Institute, to-morrow evening,
commencing at 8.30 p.m., in aid of the funds of
the Institute. Reserved seats \$1.00, unreserved
50c. Tickets may be obtained from Captain
Harris, 3rd Madras Light Infantry, or from
Mr. H. K. Holmes, Kowloon.THE Manager of the Chartered Bank informs
us that he has received from the London Office
the following telegram:—"At the approaching
meeting of Shareholders the Directors will
recommend a dividend for the past half-year
at the rate of 10% per annum, free of Income
Tax, that £50,000 be added to reserve (which
will then stand at £575,000), and £21,500 be
carried forward as undivided profit."

AT THE MAGISTRACY.

THE VITRIOL OUTRAGE ON THE PRAYA.
Yeung Kun, a store coolie at H.M. Naval
Yard, was charged on remand before Mr. Haz-
land this morning with aiding, abetting, coun-
selling and procuring the throwing of corrosive
fluid on Mr. Reek, in the case in which Lo
Toi was charged to actually throwing the
fluid, on the 14th inst.He pleaded not guilty.
Mr. J. Hays (Messrs. Johnston Stokes and
Massey) was the defendant.The Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., (Captain
Superintendent of Police) prosecuted.
Lo Toi, the defendant in the case below re-
ported, went into the witness box this morning.
He said he was a coolie out of employment,
and lived at Jardine's Bazaar at a house belong-
ing to Lo Sui. He had been charged with
throwing acid on a European. Continuing in
his evidence, he said:—When I was charged
at the Charge Room I admitted the offence.
When I was brought before the
Magistrate I pleaded guilty. I know the de-
fendant. His name is Yeung Kun. He asked me
to throw the medicine water on Mr. Reek, and
to give evidence against the defendant and I told
the Captain Superintendent of Police that I was
willing. He told me that I would be punished
if I gave evidence. On the 12th of March I saw
the defendant between 7 and 8 p.m. He came
to my house. A Sui was there, nobody else.
The defendant said to me "I beg you to do
business for me. There is no fear in it. It
is a matter of great importance." I then asked
him what the matter was. The defendant said
"A European has a grudge against a store-
keeper." The defendant said he was asked
whether he would throw some medicine water
on the storekeeper. I said, "this is a matter
of great importance." The defendant said that
it was. There was nothing to fear. The de-
fendant said he would not hurt me but he
would give me \$10. I asked the defendant if
there was any harm in the medicine water. He
said it could not harm people and there was no
fear to do it. If there was any trouble he would
engage a solicitor. I then said "I will see about
it." The defendant then said he would come
again the next night. He came next night and
said "Don't you fail about doing this business.
It is most important. The defendant said 'I
will give you a few dollars more. I want
it done to-morrow morning.' The defendant
said to me next morning "If you go
to Wing Fung Street I will hand you the
medicine water. It is most pressing. At 6.15
a.m. you must be at Wing Fung Street." As
he was going downstairs he said "Don't fail
to get up next morning. It is most pressing".
Lo Sui was dressing when the conversation was
going on. He and his family were on the floor.
On the previous night, 12th of March, Lo
Lu was dressing. I do not know if he heard
the conversation. On the 14th of March, a
little after 5 a.m., Lo Lu and I went to Ship
Street. Then we went along with A. Pui to
Wing Fung Street. The defendant walked
with us down the lane near Wing Fung Street.
When we were half way down the defend-
ant gave me a cent and asked me to buy
a bowl. I went in a hurry and bought
the bowl from a shop. I do not know
which shop. We went down the lane and
the defendant handed me a black bottle
half full of liquid. Then the defendant
and I walked up and down the Praya for about
ten minutes, near the Convent. The defendant
said "when the storekeeper comes throw it on
him and run away. Do not be afraid." When
the defendant saw the storekeeper coming he
said "Four out the liquid. This is the man."
The man in the straw hat is the one. When
he comes up to you, throw it at him. Then
run." I then threw it at the storekeeper
and ran into the verandah. I turned round
and the defendant went under the verandah
by the lane. He was at the mouth of
the lane which we had just come down.
The Convent is nearer to Causeway Bay than
the lane. I have known the defendant for two
years. I was formerly employed at the Dock
yard.In reply to Mr. Hays the witness said:—On
the 12th of March I saw the defendant at my
house. The defendant said it was a European
who had a grudge against the storekeeper, but
did not give the name of the European. He did
not say what the European was. He did not say
he had received money from the European to
do it. I did not ask the defendant if he had
received any money from the European to do
it and did not ask the defendant any questions
about the European. He said "It is my affair."
I poured the medicine water into the bowl.
It was not the defendant. When I was
waiting for the European store-keeper the de-
fendant saw Cheng walking to and fro. As soon
as I threw the water I ran. I did not know that
the water would burn. I noticed some fumes
from the liquid when I poured it into the bowl.
I dipped my fingers into the bowl and smelt
them. There was nothing the matter with it.
I dipped my little finger of my right hand into
the bowl. I did not know the nature of the
liquid when I threw it. The defendant never
told me the nature of the liquid. I do not
know Leung Wan. I do not know the shop
called Wing Fung. opposite Ullman's, the
jewellers. I left the Naval Yard a little more than
a year ago. I know a blacksmith named Wan.
He lives in Wing Fung Street. At a little after
four I was arrested by police at a house two
shops from Swatow Lane. I do not know
when the defendant was arrested. After he
threw the medicine water the defendant went
up to the lane which we had come down.
I did not see him again that day, I thought
there was some danger in doing it but the
defendant said there was no fear. I never
asked him for the money beforehand.Further evidence was then heard.
After giving evidence in the above case Lo
Toi, a coolie employed at Jardine's Bazaar,
was charged on remand with feloniously,
unlawfully, and maliciously throwing upon one
Francis George Reek, a certain corrosive fluid,
with intent in so doing to burn the complain-
ant on the 14th inst.His Worship committed the case for trial at
10 o'clock to-morrow.

FOOTBALL.

SCOTLAND VS. THE WORLD.

Happy Valley, Saturday, 30th March, 1901,
4.30 p.m.

SCOTLAND.

Goal.
Hogben (R.A.)
Back.
Smart (R.W.F.) Bell (R.A.)
Half Backs.
Roberts (R.W.F.)
Bonner (Club) Nihil (Siege Train)
Forwards.
Bell (R.A.) Tulloch (Club)
Phinn (Siege Train) Ross, Demery (R.W.F.)
Capt. Tulloch will captain the Scottish side.

THE WORLD.

Goal.
Field (Siege Train)
Back.
O'Brien (Siege Train) Thornhill (R.F.)
Half Backs.
Imbrios (H.K.A.F.C.)
Sownall (R.W.F.) "G." CO. Howard (H.K.A.F.C.)
Forwards.
Gettings (Siege Train)
Cleese (Siege Train) Lowe (H.K.A.F.C.)
Noble (H.K.A.F.C.) Cour (Siege Train)

THE BROUGHES.

The Brough Comedy Company will open
their Hongkong season at the City Hall on
Tuesday, the 16th April, and will play for about
three weeks. The repertoire will consist of
The Liars (which will be the opening play);
The Gay Lord Quex; The Manoeuvre of
Jame; The Adventure of Lady Ursula; The
Tyranny of Tears; The Brinkley Burglar;
Sowing the Wind; A Man of Forty; A Vil-
lage Priest; The Second Mrs. Tanqueray;
Dandy Dick; and Nihil; all the plays will be
mounted in the same manner as formerly.
Everything in the way of scenery, costumes,
and stage furnishings being carried for each
play. The Box-plans, we are informed, will
be open on the 10th prox.

THE SCHOOLS SPORTS.

The Hongkong Schools Athletic Sports took
place at the Happy Valley yesterday, com-
mencing at 2 p.m. There was a fair attendance
of spectators and the band of the 3rd Madras
Light Infantry provided excellent music.
Everything passed off successfully and some
good athletic work was dismissed by the young
competitors.The results are as follows:—
Long jump—for boys up to 16 years of
age.—(1) A. J. V. Ribeiro; (2) F. Mootee;
(3) J. A. Yvanovich.
100 Yards Flat Race (handicap) for boys
from 10 to 13 years of age.—(1) Chan Yau-
Cheong; (2) Fung Sai Ngok; (3) C. Perez.
100 yards flat Race (handicap), boys from 7
to 10 years of age.—(1) J. M. Barradas; (2)
N. L. Rocha; (3) S. Vital.
100 yards Flat Race (handicap) for boys from
13 to 16 years of age.—(1) A. J. Ribeiro and J.
Ribeiro (dead heat); (2) M. Castro.
One mile bicycle race (handicap) open to all
ages.—(1) C. Humphreys; (2) J. Barnes; (3)
E. Humphreys.High jump, for boys from 15 to 18 years of
age.—(1) J. Lawrence; (2) C. C. de Carvalho.
200 yards hurdle Race (handicap) open to
all ages.—(1) D. Rumjahn; (2) A. J. V.
Ribeiro; (3) R. M. Costa.
120 yards hurdle Race (handicap). Ten
flights of 36 in. hurdles. For boys from 13 to
17 years of age.—(1) J. C. Botelho; (2) A. J.
Ribeiro; (3) A. H. Carroll.
High jump for boys from 10 to 15 years of
age.—(1) F. Drude; (2) Lum-fook, Height,
4 ft. 2 in.100 Yards Flat Race (handicap). For girls
under 10 years of age.—(1) W. Meugens;
(2) A. Lees.
100 Yards Flat Race (handicap) for girls
over 10 years of age.—(1) E. Mowling; (2) J.
Noma; (3) L. Silas. Time, 17 1/2 sec.Quarter mile flat Race (handicap) open to all
ages.—(1) A. J. V. Ribeiro; (2) J. Lawrence;
(3) D. Rumjahn.
220 Yards Flat Race (handicap), for boys from
7 to 10 years of age.—(1) J. M. Barradas;
(2) F. D. Guedes.Throwing the cricket ball, open to all ages.—
(1) D. Rumjahn; (2) J. Martinez.
Half-mile challenge Cup, for boys from 14 to
18 years of age.—(1) A. R. Kadar; (2) E.
Humphreys. The cup was won outright last
year and the donor has gone home. The
winner this year was awarded a medal, pending
further arrangements.Skipping race (open to girls only).—(1),
Anna Leasing; (2) R. Silas; (3) D. Chunyat.
50 yards flat race (handicap) for all comers
under 20 years of age.—(1) White and H.
Castro (dead heat); (2) A. Matthews; (3) Ah
Yuen.
300 yards flat race (for Chinese boys over 15
years of age).—(1), Chan Yau; (2) Ho Sik
Lung.
600 yards flat race (handicap) for boys from
13 to 16 years of age.—(1) A. Rahim; (2),
R. M. Costa; (3) S. Gafur.Seven furlong flat race (handicap) open to
past pupils only.—(1), J. H. Witchell; (2),
F. E. Ellis.
100 yards three-legged race (open to all
ages).—(1), E. Humphreys and D. Rumjahn;
(2) A. J. V. Ribeiro and J. A. Yvanovich.200 yards menagerie race (leading dogs).—
(1), J. Ribeiro; (2) Chin Yau; (3) J. Barros.
300 yards flat race (for Chinese boys under 15
years of age).—(1), Lam Fuk; (2), Hung Yu
Kwong.100 yards egg-and-spoon race (open to all
ages).—(1), J. Lawrence; (2), J. C. Botelho;
(3), J. Barros.Two mile bicycle race (handicap) open to
past pupils only.—(1), A. E. Alves; (2) C.
Humphreys.Race open to the Garrison.—(1), Private An-
drews (band, R.W.F.); (2) Thaker Mahn; (3),
Corporal Eynott (R.W.F.).Indian's race.—(1), Mar Mahman; (2), Run-
jobie.Sailors' race.—(1), L. Morgan; (2), M.
O'Mahony; (3), F. Sponder (all of H.M.S. Cen-
tury).Sir John Carrington, C.M.G., then pre-
sented the prizes, previous to which he delivered
a short address. He said it afforded him great
pleasure to see boys of different nationalities
striving together in friendly rivalry. Athletics
are an excellent thing, but although a great
deal of exercise, he was of opinion that
much attention should not be paid to it, at
the expense of the mind and spirit.
Andrew Arnold, the distinguished poet, who
thought that on much consideration and atten-
tion were devoted to athletics and sports, once
said at Oxford:—"There are our young bar-
barians all right." He concluded by address-
ing a few remarks to the unsuccessful com-
petitors, whom he told to exercise patience and
await the reward perseverance would bring.The prizes were then given out, and a pleas-
ant afternoon was brought to a close by three
rousing cheers for Sir John Carrington.The thanks of the committee are due to the
various subscribers.In the sixth contest Lawrence sustained a
slight sprain to his ankle, but he pluckily

"THE GEISHA."

The brightest and merriest piece in the
repertoire of the Dallas Company has pro-
duced very successfully last night. The story
of "The Geisha" is too well-known to need
a further telling. We have sympathised with
the loves and sorrows of O Mimoso San, and
laughed at the drolleries of Wun Hi on many
a stage; but they are still as delightfully
quaint and attractive as ever.The opera was magnificently mounted; the
dresses were superb; and the scenery was
worthy of Daly's Theatre, the Lyric or the
Shaftesbury. The first act, the exterior and
Grounds of the Tei House, made a wonder-
fully pretty picture, equalled only by the
beauty of the fairy-like gardens of the Marquis
palace with the distant view of the snow-clad
mountain, rising in solitary grandeur from the
fertile plains of Japan.Miss Evelyn de Worms surpassed herself
in her presentation of the title role. Piquantly
pretty and charming as ever, her acting as
Mimoso San and the quaint grace of her
movements, enraptured the house. And the
music, so superior to the ordinary run of
latter-day light opera, gave her voice the
chance we had longed for. Her rendering
of the solos was more than effective; and
she displayed to the full the extraordinary
compass and strength she is gifted with.
Rarely, indeed, has our theatre rung with
such clear,

damaged ones. The Christians are allowed to assemble for religious services without any interference on the part of anyone.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The handicap for the Ladies' Race, to be sailed to-morrow, is as follows:—

<i>Alannah</i>	allows.
<i>Boat</i>	30 sec.
<i>Iris</i>	1 min.
<i>Erica</i>	2 "
<i>Chantler</i>	2 "
<i>Maid Marian</i>	2 "
<i>Gloria</i>	3 "
<i>Dorcas</i>	3 "
<i>Active</i>	3 "

The course for Captain Brown's Prize to be sailed for on Sunday, March 31st will be:— From Police Pier round Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock and the mark boat on the line, all to port, twice round.

F. Koz,
Hon. Sec., R. H. K. Y. C.

THE CRISIS IN THE NORTH.

SHANGHAI.

The Manchurian Crisis.

SHANGHAI, March 25th. It is stated from Nanking that, aware of the acute crisis, threatening the very existence of China caused by the alleged treachery of the reactionists at Hsian and Peking who are ready to even sell their country to Russia in order to spite the other Powers, the high provincial authorities of the Liangiang provinces sent a telegram about a week ago to the Foreign Office at St. Petersburg, requesting Count Lamsdorff "to explain on their behalf to the Czar that the ratification of the agreement concerning Manchuria would be against the wishes of more than nine-tenths of the officials, literati, and common people of the Empire of China. Furthermore, as the Czar is a friend and advocate of peace, it was sincerely and earnestly hoped that his Majesty would interfere in the matter and order affairs to be settled on a broader and less selfish basis." No reply has been vouchsafed by the Russian Foreign Office, although the message was couched in very courteous terms.

The Russo-Chinese Agreement.

We translate below the telegrams received by the Committee representing the officials, gentry, merchants, etc., of Shanghai in charge of the sending of protest regarding the Manchurian Agreement. From H. E. T'ao Mu, Viceroy of the Two Kiangs, Canton: "The gentry and merchants of Shanghai: The Russo-Chinese Agreement greatly injures the success of the peace negotiations and it is therefore impossible to consent to its ratification. I have already, in conjunction with H. E. T'ao Shou, governor of Kuang-tung, sent a telegram, dated the 1st of the 2nd moon (20th March), to their Majesties at Hsian, strongly protesting against the ratification of said agreement, but whether we will be successful in influencing the Throne remains to be seen, and we are anxiously hoping for a favourable result."

In answer, the following was sent to H. E. Viceroy T'ao Mu: "We respectfully beg to inform you that we learn that the 6th day of the moon (25th March) has been set down for the ratification of the Agreement, hence the danger is most critical. We pray Your Excellency to call upon the Viceroy and Governors of the other provinces to join you in fighting to the death against the ratification. We also pray that you will declare that you will refuse to recognise the agreement if Your Excellency's protest is not accepted. We have already sent to Viceroy Liu Kun-yi and Chong Chih-tung a similar request, and we pray Your Excellency to use your best endeavours to avert the calamity threatening our country."

The following telegram was sent to Yuan Shih-kai, Governor of Shantung: "The Russian Agreement is to be ratified on the 6th of this moon (25th March). The existence of our Empire is in immediate danger. We pray Your Excellency to combine with the other provinces and fight to the death against ratification."

Owing to the protests sent to the Government at Hsian, we learn that an Imperial Decree was telegraphed on the 22nd inst. to the Chinese Ministers at London, Washington, and Tokio, the substance of which was that the Throne had received protests from the various Viceroy and Governors of provinces and the gentry, literati, and people of all provinces residing in Shanghai and elsewhere, praying that their Majesties refuse to ratify the Russian Agreement, as it would mean the ruin of the Empire. The Throne is also pleased to note that most of the Foreign Powers are similarly opposed to the Agreement and have advised our officials to resist it. The Throne is grateful to the Foreign Powers for their friendly advice, but after what has passed China is too weak to make any resistance, and must have outside aid. Hence Lo Feng-tu (London), Wu Ting-fang (Washington) and Li Sheng-tu (Tokyo) are hereby commanded to appeal on the Throne's behalf for help from the three Powers to which they are accredited.

In reply to a telegram sent to the Oriental Association at Tokio appealing for aid in stopping the ratification of the Agreement the following reply was received yesterday from the President of the said Association (Count Okuma):—"Japan has ready, loyal modern men-of-war. If China will stand firm against ratification, Japan will help her in her difficulties."

We now conclude with a characteristic telegram which Li Hung-chang sent to Hsian when he learned of the protests against his scheme. "If Your Majesty do not ratify the agreement, Russia will remain, and take possession of Manchuria for ever, and other countries will follow suit. If Your Majesty will ratify it, Russia promises to return all Manchuria to China and this will prevent further protests from the Foreign Powers."

replies had been received from the Viceroy of the Liangiang and Hukang Provinces, saying that they as well as several other Viceroy agreements had been wired both to the Court at Hsian and to the Peace Commissioners at Peking, vigorously protesting against it, but that whether they could tell yet. Their Excellencies also said that they felt very happy in seeing the people rise as one man against the disgraceful deed. Finally the Chairman said that if anyone had anything to say or suggest, the assembly would be very glad to hear him.

Then followed a number of eloquent and patriotic speeches, one of which was delivered by a patriotic monk, who said that, although it seemed that he had no business to take part in political affairs, he could not see his country being partitioned and his fellow-countrymen becoming slaves, without raising his voice. He said that if every one would stand up like him for his country, the force would be more than sufficient to drive the Russians away from Manchuria. Finally he told the audience how dangerous it would be if everyone thought that it was not his business to take part in defending his country.

The speeches were not finished till about 5.30 when the Chairman stood up again and proposed to send another telegram to Hsian to tell the Court that Japan had promised to help China in resisting Russia, if China could be firm in her refusal to ratify the Agreement; that telegrams be also sent to the various Viceroy and Governors asking them not to recognise the Agreement, if the Peace Commissioners signed it, and begging them to tell the Court at Hsian to that effect. These proposals were agreed upon and the meeting was brought to a close at 6 o'clock.—*N. C. Daily News.*

Peking News.

PEKING, March 23rd. The Anglo-Russian conflict as to the Tientsin railway having been amicably adjusted, yesterday at dawn the sentries had been withdrawn. The commanders of the Russian and British troops, which were concerned in the matter, generals Wogack and Barrow, lunched to-day together at Count Waldersee's.

The peace negotiations are progressing satisfactorily. To-day Consul Schnitzler arrived at the German legation in order to work up the private claims. Yesterday a committee was appointed to study the financial resources of the Chinese Empire for the purpose of making proposals as to the best, safest and quickest means of defraying the war indemnity, the private claims and the running expenses. The committee is composed of the following ministers: Dr. Mun von Schwarzenstein, M. Pichon, Sir E. M. Salow and Baron Nishi.

PEKING, March 23rd. The chief of the German squadron, Vice-admiral Bendemann, Captain Count Moltke, Captain-Lieutenant Hintze and a large suite arrived here this evening as guests of the Field-Marshal taking up their quarters at the Winter Palace.

This forenoon the first spring meeting of the Peking Racelub took place. It was a great success. There were five races, flat and hurdle races, as well as a steeple-chase. Chinese, Mongolian and Australian horses were admitted, most of prizes were carried off by the German Artillery Officers. The weather was splendid, the crowd very large.—*Ostasiatische Lloyd.*

BY THE MAIL.

(From Home Papers.)

Estate of the Bishop of London.

The estate of the late Bishop of London has been valued for probate purposes at £30,751 gross and £29,145 net.

Bulgaria and Turkey.

As a result of representations made to the Sultan by the Powers 50,000 Turkish troops have been ordered to concentrate near Kustendil on the Bulgarian frontier. Prince Boris is reported to have suffered a serious relapse.

Promotion for General Gaselee.

A correspondent learns that the Military Executive has received on promoting Sir A. Gaselee to the command of a first-class district in India. It must not, however, be assumed from this that it is the intention of the War Office to recall Sir Alfred. He will remain in charge of the troops in China. The first effect, however, of the resolution will be to prolong his period of service by another five years.

Austria-Hungary.

Another scene of rowdiness and imbecility was enacted on 27th ult. in the Austrian Reichsrath. The tumult was begun by Deputy declaring his intention to speak for eight hours in the Czech language. Blows and abusive epithets were freely exchanged, and during the lull the orator made "what way it could." It is likely that the Ministry will resign.

The United States and Russia.

The State Department has, at the request of Mr. Gage, drafted a note to Russia couched in conciliatory terms. The note explains that the countervailing sugar tariff is merely a temporary measure, and urges the Russian Government to suspend reprisals until the courts shall have construed the laws, the Government of the United States for their part promising a test suit on the arrival of the next cargo of Russian sugar.

The Anti-Imperialists in the U.S.

The anti-imperialist element throughout the United States is excitedly denouncing the plans for the inauguration of President McKinley on March 4 as far more fitting the coronation of a king than celebrating the induction of a Republican ruler into office. It is a fact that the inauguration will be the most costly and elaborate ever known in the history of the United States, and will especially approach imperial splendour in military display.

Famine in Siberia.

In consequence of the bad harvests last year in the Siberian Governments, especially in Tobolsk, Tomsk, and Yeniseisk, the misery and poverty there are indescribable. The places there has not been sufficient food for the cattle, and they have had to be slaughtered in a half-starved condition. The Kirghizes of the Steppes suffer from hunger. They wander about like skeletons, dying of hunger.

A Huge Tidal Wave.

The White Star liner *Titanic*, which arrived at New York on 28th ult., reports that she was struck by a tidal wave. The vessel sank in the trough of the swell, and before she could recover an enormous green sea broke over her, throwing down the men in the crew's nest, leaving them bruised and badly shaken. The iron rail was broken and pipes snapped like wires.

London Hooligans.

What to do with our Hooligans—whether immature or of full development—is a question that has long agitated many minds. A number of persons assembled under the roof of the Mansion House on 22nd ult., and resolved themselves into "The Twentieth Century League," for remedying the neglect that has led to the present condition of disorder among the younger portion of the community. In the course of a long discussion it was made clear that, in the opinion of the reformers, the evil has a diversity of causes, and can be remedied only by the application of as many cures.

Cardinal Vaughan on the King's Oath.

In all the Roman Catholic churches of the diocese of Westminster and Southwark were read, on Sunday, 24th ult., a circular letter by Cardinal Vaughan on the declaration and oath of accession uttered by the King when opening Parliament. It is stated by the Cardinal that prior to the ceremony in the House of Lords he addressed to the King "a letter, couched in terms of fidelity, and dictated alike by his loyalty and loyalty," with reference to the abjuration of Romish doctrines. The message concludes with the expression of the hope that "this remnant of a hateful fanaticism" will soon be removed from the Statute Book.

Prince Henri d'Orleans.

Prince Henri d'Orleans, son of the Duc de Chartres, and consequently cousin of the Duc d'Orleans, was entertained in Paris at a "five o'clock" given in his honour by the Société Franco-Japonaise on 24th ult. The Prince is to start almost at once for a long journey in the Far East. In reply to the speeches made to him, Prince Henri said that he intended to go first to China, where, profiting by the presence of the Allied troops, he would explore the regions occupied by them. Thence he would proceed to Korea, and later on visit Japan. His travels would probably occupy twelve or fifteen months, of which at least three would be spent in Japan.

The American Steel Trust.

At last the much talked-of great American iron and steel trust has been definitely incorporated. The combination comprises all the important factories in the United States, including Carnegie's, and its capital is about £300,000,000. Mr. Morgan, who alone is responsible for arranging the consummation of the deal, has received congratulations from every great financier in the country. The trust magnates of the age, and the newspapers assert that American control of the world's iron markets is now assured. There is some talk among outside firms of fighting the new corporation, but Mr. Morgan's power is now irresistible, and he holds more authority in the commercial world than Mr. McKinley does in American political life.

Egyptian Revenue.

According to official returns, the total revenue of Egypt during the year 1900 amounted to £17,447,000, and the total expenditure to £15,995,000. The total expenditure shows a reduction of £1,400,000 as compared with 1899, although £200,000 of the land tax was remitted during 1900 owing to the low Nile. The revenue exceeds that of the previous year by £247,000. The real surplus of the revenue for 1900 was, therefore, £1,552,000, of which £556,000 belongs to the Egyptian Government. The net amount paid into the general reserve fund was £666,000, a sum of £265,000, representing the saving effected by the preference stock conversion, has been paid to the sinking fund.

NAVAL AND MILITARY NOTES.

Captain E. M. Jackson, Indian Staff Corps, has been appointed Staff Officer at Weihai-Wei.

The Italian cruiser *Marco Polo* is to be put in commission immediately to be ready to leave for China some time during March.

The U.S. Navy Department is hastening the departure of the cruiser *Albatross* for China, and she will sail in a few weeks time.

The *Talbot*, cruiser, is to be commissioned at Devonport this month to relieve the *Donatella*, cruiser, Captain C. J. G. Sawle, on the China Station.

The German Emperor has founded a shooting prize for the cruiser division in China. It consists of a gold centrepiece, and is to be held each year by the captain of the ship which can show the best shooting result.

In contradiction to the report published that Admiral Potho, Commander-in-chief of the French naval forces in the Far East, would shortly return from China owing to ill-health, it is semi-officially stated that the Admiral is in perfect health, and that there has never been any question of his return.

The *Gazette* notifies—Major G. E. Pereira, Grenadier Guards, to be a Special Service Officer, graded as a Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General on the Staff of the China Field Force; Captain E. M. Jackson, I.S.C., is graded as a Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General whilst acting as a Staff Officer, China Field Force.

The *Militar-Zeitung*, of Vienna, states that two Austrian warships are on their way to China—one the cruiser *Leopard*, which is expected to arrive in China from Manila in March, and the other the small cruiser *Donau*, now visiting the Austrian settlers in South-West Africa, which is expected to reach China in May.

The statement from Kiel that the German squadron of the *Brandenburg*, class which was sent last summer to China has received orders to return to Germany has been modified. It is now said that only some of the vessels will be recalled, and this is only if the great summer manoeuvres of the German fleet are to be held, and if Count von Waldersee can spare any of them.

The King has, on his accession to the throne, conferred the honour of becoming their colonel-in-chief on the 10th Hussars, the Scots Guards, the Coldstream Guards, the Grenadier Guards, and the Irish Guards. It is announced that the German Emperor and King of Prussia, in agreement with his exalted federal allies, the King of Saxony and Wurtemberg and the Prince Regent of Bavaria has ordered that in the uniforms and accoutrements of the German expedition to China the insignia of the German Empire shall everywhere take the place of those of the separate States. The *Herlitz*, *Neueste Nachrichten*, welcomes this announcement as a fresh instance of the readiness of the military administrations of the German States, to promote the sense of national unity.

A good deal of adverse criticism is heard at Woolwich as to the arrival from Aldershot of a number of quick-firing 15-pounder field guns made in Germany, and issued to the 16th and 17th Brigades. The Royal Field Artillery at Aldershot. Questioned in the House of Commons on 28th ult., Mr. Brodick said that guns in question had not proved unsatisfactory; they had been found, on the contrary, to shoot with remarkable accuracy. No defects had been discovered in the breech mechanism, nor had the recoil proved destructive to the

carriages. The threads of some of the breech screws had become buried owing to the guns being used for drill purposes without drill cartridges, a slight damage which could be repaired locally. Some of the axles of the gun-carriages having cracked in travelling, the firm which supplied the batteries was replacing all the axles by axles of an improved pattern at its own expense. Fourteen guns had been returned to Woolwich for this purpose.

In the issue of the official *Navy List* for March there is a notable and striking alteration which cannot fail to attract attention. The King appears at the head of the list of the Navy for the first time since that list has been published "by authority," and indeed for the first time in the history of the Navy itself. The significance of this alteration is clear. It does not mean any diminution of the power and authority conferred on the Lords Commissioners for executing the office of the Lord High Admiral, but merely that King Edward desires to associate himself personally with His Majesty's Navy, of which he has now become the head. The honour which he thus pays to the Navy will, we may be sure, be most heartily appreciated by the officers and men of all grades and ranks. The appearance of the King's name at the head of the list emphasizes the fact that the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines are the loyal and devoted servants of the King.

LAUNCHING OF TWO BRITISH WARSHIPS.

For the first time in the history of Clyde shipbuilding, two cruisers for the British Navy were launched on the Clyde on 21st ult. at the same hour. The Fairfield Shipbuilding Company launched the first-class cruiser *Good Hope*, and Messrs. John Brown and Company, Clydebank, the armoured cruiser of the *Cressy* type, named *Backsight*. The *Good Hope* is the first of the *Terrible* class to be launched. Her tonnage is 14,000 tons, and her horse-power 30,000. The *Good Hope* will travel twenty-three knots per hour. She is provided with a strong belt of 8½-inch armour, extending 400 ft. Her length between perpendiculars is 300 ft., and breadth 7½ ft., while her armament consists of two 92-bore-inch guns, fourteen 12-pounders, nine Maxims, and a couple of torpedo tubes. She is one of the heaviest vessels yet launched on the Clyde. The new vessel when completed will be the most formidable vessel of the cruiser class afloat. When the contracts were placed they constituted an entirely new type, resembling in many characteristics the *Powerful* and *Diadem* classes, with the addition of an armour belt of considerable area.

In the case of the *Backsight*, Messrs. Brown, following their usual custom, dispensed with ceremony. She is the second of the *Cressy* type built by the firm. The principal dimensions of the *Backsight* are: Length between perpendiculars 440 ft.; beam, 69 ft. 6 in.; draft 26 ft. 3 in.; displacement, 12,000 tons; indicated horse-power, 21,000; speed, 21 knots. An armour belt of 6 in. extends 5 ft. below the waterline, and 6 ft. 6 in. above it, with a length of 230 ft., terminating 120 ft. from the bow, and 90 ft. from the stern. The protective deck curves to the bottom of the broadside armour 5 ft. below the waterline. The main armament will embrace one 92 in. gun, a 12 in. gun, firing ahead, and one firing astern, mounted on 6 in. armoured barbettes, with shields. There will be twelve 6 in. guns, and the usual complement of machine guns.—*L. & C. Express.*

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MARCH.	
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1899.	
Barometer.....	30.141
Thermometer.....	57.3
Humidity.....	79.0
Rainfall.....	1.76

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.	
On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer.....	30.07
Thermometer.....	30.09
Humidity.....	73
Rainfall.....	0.02

TO-DAY.

Friday, 29th March, 1901.	
Chinese—10th of 2nd moon of 27th year of Kwong-su.	
Sun—Rises.....	5hr. 57min.
Sets.....	5hr. 13min.
High water—Morning.....	6hr. 13min.
Afternoon.....	6hr. 45min.
Low water—Morning.....	6hr. 38min.
Afternoon.....	6hr. 30min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1842—Hongkong Land Committee appointed.	
1849—Annexation of the Punjab by Great Britain.	
1850—Bishop G. Smith, first Bishop of Hongkong arrived.	
1859—Sir John Bowring recommended the annexation of Kowloon Peninsula.	
1879—The British barque <i>Elizabeth Childes</i> attacked by pirates 40 miles from Hongkong.	
1883—Governor Sir George Bowen arrived in Hongkong.	
1885—Seizure and occupation of the Pescadores by the French fleet.	
1897—Cageage of silver at the Imperial Japanese Mint discontinued.	
1898—Forts at Shendy Captured by Egyptian gunboats.	

TO-MORROW.

Saturday, 30th March, 1901.	
Chinese—11th of 2nd moon of 27th year of Kwong-su.	
Sun—Rises.....	5hr. 56min.
Sets.....	5hr. 12min.
High water—Morning.....	6hr. 12min.
Afternoon.....	6hr. 44min.
Low water—Morning.....	6hr. 37min.
Afternoon.....	6hr. 29min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1814—British troops entered Paris.	
1856—Peace with Russia.	
1874—Abolition of coolie trade at Macao.	
1883—Inauguration of New British Consulate, Shanghai.	
1896—The Japanese flag hoisted over new settlement at Sochow.	
1899—The S.W.R. steamer <i>Stella</i> struck the Casquet rocks, & drowned.	
1900—Death of Commandant Joubert.	

AGENDA.

TO-DAY.	
9 p.m.—The Dallas Company at the Theatre Royal.	
TO-MORROW.	
Daylight—D. & Co.'s steamer <i>Thales</i> leaves for Swatow.	
Noon—P. & O. S. N. steamer <i>Platiny</i> with Mails etc. leaves for Marseilles and London (direct).	
SUNDAY, 31st.	
Daylight—O. S. K. steamer <i>Dafin</i> , Maru, leaves for Coast Ports.	
Cargo ex <i>Colony</i> subject to rent.	

MONDAY 1st APRIL.

3.30 p.m.—Public Auction by Mr. G. P. Lamert at his Auction Room, Duddell Street.
5 p.m.—C. & M. Co.'s steamer *Diamante* leaves for Manila via Amoy.
8.30 for 9 p.m.—Precisely. A Regular Meeting of the Zealand Lodge at the Freemason's Hall.
Cargo ex *Afridi* subject to rent.

TUESDAY, 2nd.

Cargo ex *Ava Mar* subject to rent.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

Canadian (*Athenian*) 1st prox.
German (*Strutzel*) 2nd prox.
German (*Stuttgart*) 2nd prox.
Indian (*Ararat*) 3rd prox.
Canadian (*Tartar*) 3rd prox.
American (*Coptic*) 4th prox.
American (*America Maru*) 12th prox.
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 16th prox.
American (*City of Peking*) 20th prox.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Pyrhus*, left Singapore on the 26th inst., p.m., and is due in Hongkong on Sunday, the 31st inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Antenor*, left Singapore yesterday, the 28th inst., and is due in Hongkong on Tuesday, the 2nd April at noon.

The C. P. R. Co.'s steamer *Tartar*, left Yokohama to-day, the 29th inst., at 6 a.m., for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive on Wednesday, the 3rd April.

HONGKONG AND WHARF DOCK RETURN.	
G.M.S. <i>Herb</i>	at Kowloon Dock
G.M.S. <i>Jaguar</i>	"
U.S.S. <i>Isle de Luzon</i>	"
U.S.S. <i>Remington</i>	"
U.S.S. <i>Yorktown</i>	"
<i>Prosper</i>	"
<i>Solent</i>	"
<i>Ulnet</i>	"
<i>Luig</i>	"
<i>Luig</i>	"
U.S.S. <i>Concord</i>	Comopolitan
<i>Miles</i>	"
<i>Perla</i>	"
<i>Victoria</i>	"
<i>Glengale</i>	"
<i>Petrarch</i>	Aberdeen
<i>Mozambique</i>	"

Shipping.

Arrivals.

DEVANWONGSE, German steamer, 1,057, H. Textor, 28th Mar.—Bangkok via Koh-si-chang 20th Mar. General.—Butterfield & Swire.
SOBRABON, British steamer, 4,411, L. M. Wilber, R.N.R., 29th Mar.—Bombay 14th March, and Singapore 24th, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
FUSHUN, British steamer, 1,500, W. H. Lunt, 29th Mar.—Shanghai 25th Mar. General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
BENCLUTHA, British steamer, 1,320, C. Stewart, 29th Mar.—Canton 28th Mar. General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

HSIEH HO, British steamer, 1,082, A. A. Crawford, 29th Mar.—Canton 28th Mar. General.—Siemssen & Co.
WING SANG, British steamer, 1,517, T. H. Sellar, 29th Mar.—Canton 28th March. General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
SATURN, American collier, 1,877, J. H. Potter, 29th Mar.—Reef Pratas 28th March.
HOLSTEIN, German steamer, 985, M. Island, 29th Mar.—Saigon 24th Mar. Rice.—Jessen & Co.
CLARA, German steamer, 675, A. Hansen, 29th Mar.—Pakhoi 26th Mar. and Hoihow 28th, General.—Jensen & Co.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Michael Jensen, Ger. str., for Haiphong.
Kongnam, British str., for Canton.
Victoria, Swedish str., for Bangkok.
Sungking, British str., for Manila.
Queen Adelaide, British str., for Moji.
Mike Maru, Jap. str., for Singapore.
Hsieh Ho, British str., for Chinkiang.
La Rhone, French str., for Canton.
Kallong, British str., for Cebu.
Chowai, German str., for Hoihow.
Benclutha, British str., for Shanghai.
Hongkong, French str., for Haiphong.
Talis, German str., for Swatow.
Talis Maru, Jap. str., for Manila.
Fushun, British str., for Canton.
Wingang, British str., for Swatow.
Onong, British str., for Singapore.
Wu Kwai, British steam launch, for Wuchow.
Thales, British str., for Swatow.

Departures.

Mar. 29, *Haitan*, French str., for Hoihow.
Mar. 29, *Kochow*, British str., for Canton.
Mar. 29, *Ava Mar*, Japanese str., for Kobe.
Mar. 29, *Mike Maru*, Jap. str., for Singapore.
Mar. 29, *Aurore*, British cruiser, for practice.
Mar. 29, *Sungking*, British str., for Manila.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
TAMBA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANT. WERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 5th April, at Daylight.
INABA MARU	Kobe and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 12th April, at Daylight.
IDZUMI MARU	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	SATURDAY, 13th April, at 4 P.M.
SANUKI MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANT. WERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 19th April, at Daylight.

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A. S. NIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1901.

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MARBURG	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG (LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 2nd April.
SAVOIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG (LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 4th April.
BEHRENS	HAVRE and HAMBURG (LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 8th April.
BAMBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG (LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 12th April.
SIBIRIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG (LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 15th April.

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STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 23rd April, at Noon.	
HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Thursday, 16th May, at Noon.	
NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	Tuesday, 11th June, at Noon.	

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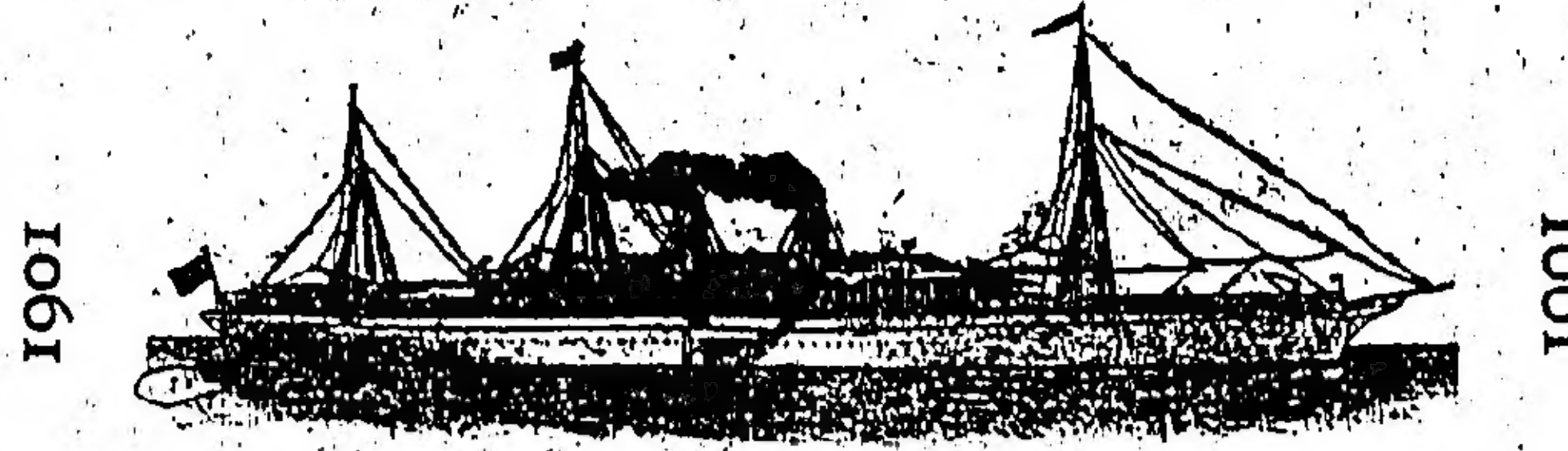
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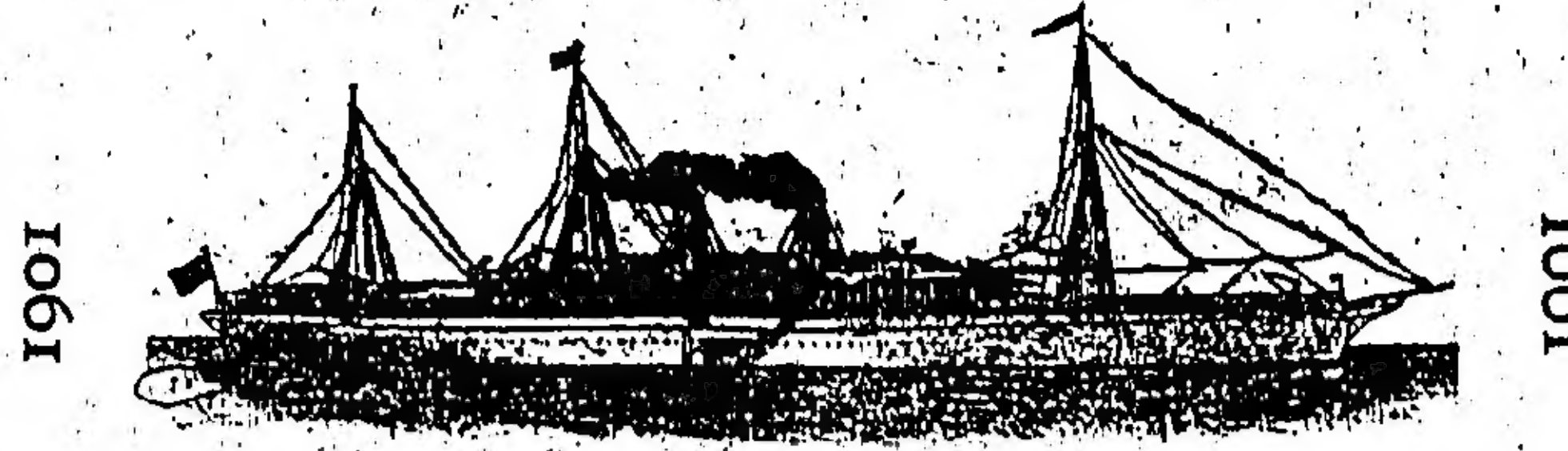
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SHANGHAI.....	"CHINKIANG".....	30th instant.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"TSINAN".....	4th April.
MANILA.....	"TAIYUAN".....	9th April.
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Hongkong, 28th March, 1901. [12]

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Hongkong, 25

PARLIAMENT.

FAR EAST IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THE LOOTING AT PEKING.

(Feb. 25th.)

Mr. Chamberlain asked whether inquiry had been made or would be made, into alleged acts of looting by British subjects in Peking after the relief of the Legation; and whether His Majesty's Government proposed to follow the example set by France by taking steps to enforce the restitution of articles thus taken by British subjects.

Lord G. Hamilton: I do not know what the allegations are to which the hon. gentleman refers; but General Gascoigne informs me that the discipline and conduct of the British have been excellent. After the relief of the Legation the British troops were strictly forbidden to loot, and strong measures were taken by him to enforce this order. Articles of value, the property of the Chinese Government, which were left in the Summer Palace after its evacuation by the Russians, are at present in the care of the British military authorities and General Gascoigne has been instructed to retain them with a view to restitution when peace is restored.

MANCHURIA.

Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett asked whether His Majesty's Government had any information confirming the alleged Russo-Chinese agreement regarding Manchuria between the representatives of Russia and China in Manchuria; and whether the assurances said to have been given by the Russian Government to the British Government regarding Manchuria were given only by a formal communication in writing to His Majesty's Government.

Viscount Cranborne: We have no official knowledge of the terms of this agreement. The assurances of the Russian Government referred to by my hon. friend were given verbally to His Majesty's Ambassador at St. Petersburg. Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett asked whether the Government would direct that these oral assurances by Russia should be embodied in a formal document.

No answer was given.

THE BRITISH TROOPS IN PEKING.

(26th.)

Mr. O'Shea asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether the articles seized by the British troops in Peking with a view to restitution after peace had been removed from the places or palaces where they were seized; and, if so, whether these articles were left untouched by the Russian troops during their prior occupation of the same places or palaces; and, if so, on what grounds the British troops had acted differently from the Russian troops.

Lord G. Hamilton: The articles referred to were not seized as the question implies, but were put into safe custody by General Gascoigne, with a view to their restitution to their owners when the war is over. I have no information as to what has happened to the other articles which were in the palace when it was first occupied by the Russian troops.

THE YANTZSE VICEROYS.

(Feb. 28th.)

Mr. Malcolm, for Sir E. Ashmead-Bartlett, asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether His Majesty's Government would take steps to insure the maintenance in their office of the Yantze Viceroy, who had rendered such service in the interests of Great Britain and of civilisation in their provinces, and to enable them to carry out essential reforms of which they were in favour.

Lord Cranborne: The matter referred to was carefully considered some time ago, but His Majesty's Minister at Peking reported that he was satisfied that there was no danger of the Viceroy's removal. His Majesty's Government fully appreciate the services which they have rendered.

IMPERIAL CUSTOMS BUILDINGS IN PEKING. Mr. W. Redmond asked whether His Majesty's Minister at Peking had received a protest from Sir Robert Hart against the proposed appropriation of the Imperial Customs buildings by the foreign Legation, and particularly the Italian Legation, which proposes also to take possession of land which is the property of Sir Robert Hart himself.

Lord Cranborne: We understand that in connection with the scheme of defence for the Legation quarter a plan is under consideration which would require an open zone 150 yards wide all round, and that to obtain this it would be necessary to take a great part of the site of the Customs Administration. On 20th ult. Sir R. Hart addressed a letter to His Majesty's Minister and also to the d'oyen of the Diplomatic Body expressing his surprise at this appropriation, but stating that if military necessities required the cession of the site for the defence of the Legation quarter he would not protest or oppose it. But we are in communication with His Majesty's Minister on the subject.

Mr. W. Redmond asked whether the noble lord could say what compensation was to be paid.

Viscount Cranborne: We have not got to that point.

FOREIGN WARSHIPS AT CHATHAM. Mr. Bartley asked the Secretary to the Admiralty whether Japanese or other foreign warships were now occupying and had recently occupied docks at Chatham and elsewhere, though at the same time His Majesty's ships were waiting to enter these docks for repairs; and whether, if this was correct, he could state by what authority foreign authorities use His Majesty's dockyards when these docks were urgently needed for the Navy, and whether the practice would be at once put an end to. Mr. Arnold-Forster said that no docks were now occupied by foreign vessels, but that a Japanese cruiser was docked at Chatham recently. This was a matter of international courtesy. (Hear, hear.) It was always arranged so as not to interfere with the docking of any of His Majesty's ships. It would be remembered that recently the Japanese Government allowed His Majesty's ship *Victorious* to be docked in Japan. (Cheers.)—L. & C. Express.

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